

## **DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request** 

The Department of Commerce will submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Agency: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

Title: Western Pacific Community Development Program.

OMB Control Number: 0648-0612.

Form Number(s): NA.

*Type of Request:* Regular submission (extension of a current information collection).

*Number of Respondents:* 5.

Average Hours Per Response: 6 hours.

Burden Hours: 30.

*Needs and Uses:* This request is for an extension of a currently approved information collection.

The Federal regulations at 50 CFR part 665 authorize the Regional Administrator of the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), Pacific Island Region to provide eligible western Pacific communities with access to fisheries that they have traditionally depended upon, but may not have the capabilities to support continued and substantial participation, possibly due to

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economic, regulatory, or other barriers. To be eligible to participate in the western Pacific community development program, a community must meet the criteria set forth in 50 CFR part 665.20, and submit a community development plan that describes the purposes and goals of the plan, the justification for proposed fishing activities, and the degree of involvement by the indigenous community members, including contact information.

This collection of information provides NMFS and the Western Pacific Fishery

Management Council with data to determine whether a community that submits a community
development plan meets the regulatory requirements for participation in the program, and
whether the activities proposed under the plan are consistent with the intent of the program, the
Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, and other applicable laws.

The information is also important for evaluating potential impacts of the proposed community
development plan activities on fish stocks, endangered species, marine mammals, and other
components of the affected environment for the purposes of compliance with the National
Environmental Policy Act, the Endangered Species Act and other applicable laws.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain or maintain benefits.

OMB Desk Officer: OIRA\_Submission@omb.eop.gov.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Jennifer Jessup, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, (202) 482-0336, Department of Commerce, Room 6616, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230 (or via the

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Internet at <u>JJessup@doc.gov</u>).

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should

be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to OIRA Submission@omb.eop.gov.

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